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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ISA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH TO
PRINCE TURKI

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ROBERT ELLSWORTH TO DEPUTY
MODA PRINCE TURKI INFORMING HIM THAT SIGNED LETTER WILL
FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: I WAS PLEASED TO
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE
FAHD AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
AND AVIATION WHEN THEY WERE IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE.

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FOLLOWING UPON THEIR VISIT IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO

WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THE JOINT COMMISSION ON SECURITY
IN WHICH YOU AND I SHALL BOTH BE INVOLVED. I AM KEENLY
AWARE OF THE KEY ROLE WHICH THESE CONVERSATIONS WILL PLAY
WITHIN THE JOINT UNDERTAKING OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO EXPAND
COOPERATION IN A BROAD RANGE OF FIELDS.

INASMUCH AS IT MAY NOT BE TOO EARLY TO BEGIN TO THINK IN
TERMS OF DETAILED PLANS, OUR EMBASSY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH
YOU AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF
SAUDI ARABIA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN YOUR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS
AS TO AN AGENDA FOR OUR MEETING AND TO DISCUSS CERTAIN

SUGGESTIONS OF OUR OWN. AT THAT TIME IT MAY BE POSSIBLE
TO AGREE UPON A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE MEETING.
AT THE MOMENT, MY OWN VIEW IS THAT DURING THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 10 MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME. THIS WOULD BE IMMEDIATE-
LY FOLLOWING MY ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING IN ROME.

IN THE MEANTIME, I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS
THAT THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE STATUS OF THE FORTY FMS
CASES, AS REQUESTED BY PRINCE FAHD IN JUNE, IS RECEIVING
OUR URGENT ATTENTION AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE
YOU OF OUR FINDINGS SHORTLY.

ALSO, WE ARE CONTINUING TO STUDY MEANS TO BRING ABOUT
MORE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF FMS CASES FOR SAUDI ARABIA
AND TO ALLOW LONGER PERIODS BETWEEN THE DATE OF RECEIPT
BY MODA OF LETTERS OF OFFER AND THE EXPIRATION DATE
OF THE LETTERS. AS YOU MAY HAVE BEEN INFORMED, THE FMS
PRIORITY CATEGORY FOR SAUDI ARABIA HAS BEEN IMPROVED AS
REQUESTED DURING PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU LATER IN THE YEAR AND TO
DISCUSSING WITH YOU MATTERS OF CONCERN TO BOTH OF OUR
GOVERNMENTS. SINCERELY YOURS, ROBERT F. ELLSWORTH. END
TEXT. KISSINGER

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